नहीं हो पा रहा है, अतिरिक्त केन्द्रीय सहायता उपलब्ध कराने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ताकि राज्य में बाकी बची सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के लिए कमान क्षेत्र विकास प्राधिकरण का गठन किया जा सके ; और

(ग) क्या चालू पंचवर्षीय योजना मे मध्य प्रदेश में जिन्हीं अन्य सिंचाई परियोजनाओं के लिए कुछ और कमान क्षेत्र विकास प्राधिकरण गठित किये जाने की संभावना है ?

जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती कृष्णा साही) : (क) जी हां ।

(ख) मध्य प्रदेश में केन्द्र प्रायोजित कमान क्षेत्र विकास कार्यक्रम के अन्तर्गत शामिल किए गए सात कमान क्षेत्र विकास प्राधिकरण के तहत पहले से ही 22 कमान क्षेत्र विकास परियोजनाएं हैं । मध्य प्रदेश में इन 22 परियोजनाओं में से 13 परियोजनायें तो वर्ष 1985–86 में ही शामिल की गई थीं ।

(ग) राज्य में पहले से ही 9 कमान क्षेत्र विकास प्राधिकरण है, जिनमें से केन्द्र प्रायोजित स्कीम के अन्तर्गत सात तथा राज्य स्कीम के अन्तर्गत 2 प्राधिकरण हैं । भारत सरकार को मध्य प्रदेश राज्य मे और कमान क्षेत्र विकास प्राधिकरण गठित करने के वास्ते कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नही हुआ है ।

Blowing off of Railway Track by the Extremists

1627. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a portion of railway track was blown off near Ludhiana on the 13th January, 1989 by the extremists;

(b) what is the number of such incidents in Punjab so far;

(c) whether rail journeys have become unsafe due to the above activities by the extremists; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to check such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There have been three such incidents during the current year upto 22nd February, 1989.

(c) and (d) The authorities have taken necessary steps to ensure that rail journeys in the State are safe. Patrolling is being carried out for the security of railway tracks. The passenger trains are also being escorted.

Raising of more battalions of CRPF

1628. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise more battalions of CRPF, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to raise the age of retirement of CRPF personnel from 54 years to 58 years in view of the rise in life expectancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Ten battalions of CRPF sanctioned last year will become operational in March-April, 1989 The Government of India reviews from time to time the strength of CRPF, and, taking into account the need for internal security duties, augments its strength.

(b) The age of retirement of CRPF personnel below and upto the level of Commandant is 55 years at present and not 54 years. The retirement age

of personnel of para-military forces is also reviewed by Government of India from time to time.

Introduction of 'Service Area Concept' for Commercial Banks

1629. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce 'Service Area Concept' (SAC) for commercial banks from the beginning of the next financial year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total number of branches of commercial banks opened so far all over the country; and

(d) how the Branch Managers of commercial banks will be responsible for drawing up credit plan in the villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) Under the Service Area Approach on an average a group of 15-25 villages would be allotted to a rural and semi-urban bank branch with a view to bring about an orderly and planned disbursement of credit. Under this approach, each Manager of allottee branch will conduct a survey of the allotted villages and will prepare village profiles indicating the types of activities carried on in their service area. On the basis of village profiles, branches will prepare Annual Credit Plans for lending for different identified activities, keeping in view the infrastructural and other facilities available and proposed to be created.

(c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as at the end of December, 1988, 55959, branches of scheduled commercial banks were functioning in the country.

Application of M/s. Pepsico under 100 per cent Export Oriented Unit Scheme

1630. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the news-item captioned 'Pepsico applies for EPZ unit which appeared in the 'Economic Times' of the 11th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pepsico has applied under the 100 per cent Export Oriented Unit Scheme;

(b) if so, whether it is consistent with the concept and philosophy of 100 per cent Export Oriented Units; and

(c) whether it is the policy of Government to encourage such low technology and low capital intensive units in the Export Processing Zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) M|s. Pepsico India Holdings Inc., New York have applied to the Government to establish a project under the scheme of 100 per cent Export Oriented Units for the manufacture of propriety compound preparations used in the manufacture of non-alcoholic beverages at a location of Punjab. The application is under the consideration of the Board within the scope of the 100 per cent Export Oriented Unit Scheme.

Foreign Owned Companies under 100 per cent Export Oriented Units Scheme

1631. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a the number of foreign owned companies under 100 per cent Export Oriented Units Scheme allowed to sell 25 per cent of their products in the domestic market; and

(b) the names of companies and the products being made by them?